

REMARKS

This response adds new claims 10-11 to recite additional features of the present application. Support for the new claims can be found, e.g., at Fig. 3 and pages 5-6 of the specification. Upon amendment, this application will have 1 independent claim (claim 1) and 11 total claims (claims 1-11). Thus, no fee for excess claims is necessary.

At pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1 and 7-9 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (APA). Moreover, at pages 3-4, claims 2 and 4-5 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over APA. At pages 4-5, claims 1 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miwa (US Patent No. 6,512,557). At pages 5-6, claims 2 and 4-5 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miwa. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

APA and Miwa, standing alone or in combination, fail to disclose, suggest, or teach, *inter alia*, the following features recited by claim 1 of the present application:

"a reflector disposed along the light receiving lateral side, said reflector having a reflective cover, an opening, a first holder, and a second holder, the opening positioned toward the light receiving lateral side, the first holder extending toward the first coupling lateral side and the second holder extending toward the second coupling lateral side, the first holder having a first linking member, and the second holder having a second linking member";

"a light source installed inside the reflector, the light emitted from the light source being reflected by the reflective cover and transmitted into the light guide plate"; and

"wherein the first and second coupling members are respectively combined with the first and second linking members for assembling the reflector and the light guide plate, and a predetermined distance is formed between the light source and the light guide plate."

The light guide plate of APA is not **combined** with the reflector. APA teaches a light guide plate 40, a frame 10, and a reflector 30. The reflector 30 is assembled with the frame 10, and the guide plate 40 is enclosed with the frame 10 but not the reflector 30. Thus, APA does not teach the feature "wherein the first and the second coupling members are respectively combined with the first and the second linking members for assembling the reflector and the light guide plate, and a predetermined distance is formed between the light source and the light guide plate", as recited by claim 1 of the present application.

Miwa discloses an LCD device attached to the cover body of a laptop computer, the LCD device having a light source lamp. Miwa does not teach a light guide plate **combined** with the reflector. In Miwa, the optical guide plate 8 is secured on the chassis 11 (see column 7, lines 6-7). The light source lamp 10 and the reflector 12 are secured on the chassis 11 (see column 6, lines 65-67). Thus, Miwa does not teach the feature "wherein the first and the second coupling members are respectively combined with the first and the second linking members for assembling the reflector and the light guide plate, and a predetermined distance is formed between the light

source and the light guide plate", as recited by claim 1 of the present application.

Since APA and Miwa do not teach or suggest the features discussed above, the Applicant believe that claim 1 is patentable. Claims 2-11 are also patentable, at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1. Moreover, these claims are patentable by virtue of the additional limitations recited therein.

For example, claim 10 recites "wherein the light source, the reflector, the reflective cover, the first linking member, the second linking member, the first holder, and the second holder are all combined into one piece." Claim 11 recites "wherein the light source and the reflector are integrally formed in one piece." These features are clearly not shown in the cited references.

The Applicant has attempted to address all of the issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action as the Applicant understands them. The Applicant believes that the Application is now in condition for allowance. If any point requires further explanation, the Examiner is invited to telephone Troy Cai at (323) 934-2300 or e-mail Troy Cai at tcgai@ladasparry.com.

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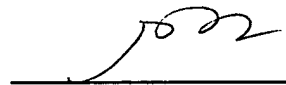


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